

***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

Applicant: Martin BILLGER et al.  
 Title: PROTEIN FORMULATIONS  
 Appl. No.: 09/674,002  
 Filing Date: 12/27/2000  
 Examiner: Ruixiang Li  
 Art Unit: 1646

**REQUEST FOR ORAL HEARING**

Commissioner for Patents  
 PO Box 1450  
 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.194(b), Appellant requests an oral hearing.

The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

[ X ] This request is timely because it is being made within two months from the date of the Examiner's Answer.

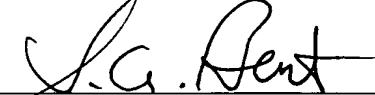
[ X ] Applicants claim small entity status. Thus, the fees of \$290.00 is reduced by half, and the resulting fee is noted below.

[ X ] The fee of \$145.00 for this Request For Oral Hearing (37 C.F.R. §1.17(d)):

[ X ] Check Enclosed

[ X ] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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